REMARKS

Applicants reiterate and again claim priority on the basis of German application DE 298 20 613.7, filed November 18, 1998, PCT/EP99/08843, filed November 17, 1999, U.S. Application Serial No. 09/982,248 filed on 10/17/01 and U.S. Application Ser. No. 09/581,975, filed June 20, 2000.

An Abstract has been added by this amendment.

If it is determined that any additional fee is necessary, or if there has been any overpayment, the Commissioner is authorized to charge or debit, as appropriate, our Deposit Account No. 06-0308.

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